(b) if so, what action Government have taken against the attempt of curbing the free press in the Kashmir Valley ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) The State Government has informed that no repressive measures of any kind have been adopted by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir in respect of the local newspapers published from the Kashmir Valley Curfew passes demanded by the newspapers were also given to them. Newspapers had some difficulty in arranging publication and distribution of newspapers during curfew days and as such they did not publish the newspapers. After long relaxation in curfew hours has been introduced, the local newspapers have been getting published almost regularly.

(b) Does not arise.

एटा में टेलीफोन केन्द्र की स्थापना

9126. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एटा टेलीफोन केन्द्र में लगा हुआ उपकरण वह उपकरण है जिसे मोदीनगर टेलीफोन केन्द्र ने रद्द कर दिया था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि एटा टेलीफोन केन्द्र के लिए निर्धारित नये उपकरण को मोदीनगर टेलीफोन केन्द्र में लगा दिया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और इन उपकरणों की अदला-बदली कब की गयी थी ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री, साथ में संचार मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री के०पी० उन्नीकृष्णन) : (क) मोदी नगर से वापस लेकर उपस्कर का इस्तेमाल एटा में किया गया। यह सत्य नहीं है कि उपस्कर बेकार था।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) एटा के लिए प्राप्त एक्सचेंज उपस्कर का मोदी नगर के चालू एक्सचेंज को, नए एक्सचेंज भवन में शिफ्टिंग के लिए इस्तेमाल किया गया और वहां से निकाले गए उपस्कर को वर्ष 1974 में एटा में संस्थापित किया गया।

Standard time in Kashmir Valley

1927. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that people in the Kashmir Valley have been asked by subversives to set their watches and clocks according to Pakistani Standard time and to declare Friday as a weekly holiday in place of Sunday; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) According to State Government, this is such a propaganda started by the militants and subversives, though no definite case of any Government employee or responsible civilian who might have set his watch according to Pakistan time has come to notice. Similarly, no business or commercial organisation has so far adopted Friday in place of Sunday as the weekly holiday.

(b) The Government would deal with any contingency and ensure that the national policy is followed.